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CHANGE NOTICE

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**MANUAL:** PERMANENCY PLANNING & INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN

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**ATTENTION:** CHILD WELFARE DIRECTORS, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS, AND SOCIAL WORKERS

**RE:** REVISION TO POLICY CONCURRENT WITH LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

**EFFECTIVE:** IMMEDIATELY

**INTENT:** NOTIFICATION OF POLICY MANUAL UPDATES

The Permanency Planning Manual has been revised and policy updated to incorporate the following changes in response to legislative changes in Senate Bill 693 Session Law 2021-132:

- The addition of a relative definition
- The requirements to identify and notify relatives and other persons with legal custody of a sibling for a juvenile in nonsecure custody within 30 days of the initial removal
- The requirements of the court to consider non-relative kin, including an appropriate former foster parent or legal custodian of a sibling, for placement of a juvenile
- Observation requirements before a recommendation of unsupervised visitation
- Visitation requirements when parents or caregivers have positive drug screen results
- Creation of separate tracks for review and permanency planning hearings. When a juvenile has been removed from the custody of a parent, guardian, or custodian and is not returned at initial disposition, the track is permanency planning
- Caregiver's opportunity to address the court regarding a juvenile's wellbeing

The Permanency Planning Manual has been revised and policy updated to incorporate the following changes in response to legislative changes in House Bill 132 Session Law 2021-100:

- Sibling placement and sibling visitation requirements
- Concurrent planning for Post TPR Review Hearings
- Requirements that must be presented to the court for 17-year-old juveniles
- Termination process for the 18-21 agreement

The Interstate/Intercounty Services for Children Manual has been revised and policy updated to incorporate the following changes in response to legislative changes in House Bill 132 Session Law 2021-100:

- Removed the following statement on page four (4) under Regulations; "These regulations have the weight of law by virtue of the fact that they have been adopted by

the ICPC Association.”

The Permanency Planning Manual has been revised and policy updated to incorporate the following changes in response to legislative changes in Senate Bill 207 Session Law 2021-123:

- Requirements for Care Review Teams and Juvenile Consultation Meetings with the Department of Juvenile Justice

The above changes have been made in the Permanency Planning and Interstate/Intercounty Services for Children manual. These manuals can be located at <https://policies.ncdhhs.gov/divisional/social-services/child-welfare/policy-manuals>.

Sincerely,

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